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SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : In colleges students who have obtained lesser marks than others who have obtained higher marks get admission because of recommendation. Will the Government see to it that a uniform policy is adopted throughout the State and justice is done to all capable students ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government are not aware that there are any recommendations. But Government cannot interfere in the matter of admissions by the colleges concerned. The minimum qualifications are prescribed. It is open to the colleges to use their discretion in the matter of selection from among the applicants.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : கல்லூரியில் சேர விரும்பிய மாணவர்கள் பல இடங்களில் விண்ணப்பம் போட்டதால் அந்த எண்ணிக்கை அதிகம் என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் சொன்னாலும் தகுதியுடைய மாணவர்களின்—'எலிஜிபில் ஸ்டூடெண்ட்ஸ்'-ன்—எண்ணிக்கைக்கும் கல்லூரியில் இடம் பெற்ற மாணவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கைக்குமுள்ள வித்தியாச விகிதாசாரத்தை கனம் அமைச்சர் தெரிவிப்பாரா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: அதைப் பின்னால் தெரிவிக்கலாம். இதைப் பார்த்தாலும், 50 சத விகிதம் என்றால் இது ரொம்பவும் திருப்திகரமானது என்று சொல்ல வேண்டும்.

* 202 *Q.*—DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (i) boys and (ii) girls that appeared for the S.S.L.C. examination held in May this year in the State and in Madras City;

(*b*) the number of boys and girls that passed in the State and in Madras City;

(*c*) the number of seats in the P.U.C. in all the colleges in the State and in the City under the different groups (i) Mathematics (ii) Natural Science (iii) Humanities; and

(*d*) the number of seats available in the Polytechnics in Madras City ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

A.—(*a*) **Number appeared for S.S.L.C.—**

Madras State.	City.
(i) 88,408 Boys	8,449 Boys
(ii) 30,877 Girls	4,611 Girls

(*b*) **Number that passed the Examination—**

Madras State.	City.
46,431 Boys	4,407 Boys
18,212 Girls	2,825 Girls

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(c) Number of seats available in P.U.C.—

	Science groups.	Humanities groups.
City Colleges	5,990	2,470
Mofussil Colleges	28,124	9,290
(including Annamalai University)		

(d) 1,517

Dr. H. V. HANDE : From the break-up figures it is obvious that a number of pupils have gone without admission. Every year in the months of June and July there is a regular stampede for admission. Will the Hon. Minister take the serious situation into consideration and do something to prevent such a catastrophe happening next year ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The situation is not as serious as it appears to be. There may be stampede just at the time of the admissions. But students are anxious to get into particular colleges and some of them have applied to a number of colelges. I had an analysis from the University sometime after these admissions were made. I found that there were vacancies in a number of colleges still. On the whole, among the boys or girls who are eligible and who seek admission, I do not think in any year either this year or last year any substantial number of boys or girls were left out and could not get admission.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : சென்னை நகரில் எஸ்.எஸ்.எல்.ஸி. தேறிய மாணவர்கள் ஏறத்தாழ 50 சத விகிதத்தினர் கல்லூரியில் சேரமுடியாத நிலைமை இருக்கிறது என்பது கனம் அமைச்சர் அளித்த விடையிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. இவர்கள் 15, 16 வயதுக்கு உட்பட்டவர்களாக இருப்பதால் இவர்கள் வேலைக்கும் போக முடியாத இடர்ப்பாடு ஏற்படுகிறது. எனவே கலைக் கல்லூரி களில் உள்ளதைவிட பல் தொழிற் பயிற்சிக் கல்லூரிகளிலும் உள்ள இட எண்ணிக்கையை—1,900 என்று குறிப்பிட்ட எண்ணிக்கையை —அதிகப்படுத்த அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : சாதாரணக் கல்லூரிகளிலும் புகுமுக வகுப்பிற்கான இடங்கள் ஆண்டுதோறும் அதிகப்படுத்தப் பட்டு வருகின்றன. இந்த ஆண்டிலும் அவற்றின் எண்ணிக்கை உயர்த்தப்பட்டது. அதுபற்றிய புள்ளிவிவரங்கள் இப்போது எனக்கு நினைவில் இல்லை. இந்த ஆண்டில் மட்டும் சுமார் 10,000 இடங்களுக்கு வகை செய்யப்பட்டது என்று நினைக்கிறேன். பாலிடெக்னிக்குகளும் இருக்கின்றன. எங்கெங்கு சாத்தியமோ அங்கெல்லாம் இடங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை உயர்த்தப்பட்டிருக் கின்றது. இடங்களின் எண்ணிக்கையை உயர்த்த வேண்டும் என்று அரசாங்கம் யோசனை கூறும் போதெல்லாம் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தினரும் அதைக் கூடியவரையில் ஏற்று வருகின்றனர்.

Dr. H. V. HANDE : The practice is that as soon as there is a heavy rush towards the end of June or in the beginning of July, Government issue further orders to the University or requests the

University to increase the number of seats. This is done on the last date of the rush. Will the Government consider the question of relaxing this and give instructions even earlier so that there is a certain amount of confidence and sense of security among the people which will prevent them from applying to various colleges and wasting Rs. 5 for each college, especially so in the case of poor people ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not a question of Government issuing any instructions to the colleges or to the University. The University permits the maximum strength for the P.U.C. in each college, taking into account the accommodation and hostel facilities available and so on. But when there is a heavy rush and when there are boys and girls left out and when it is brought to the notice of the Government, the Government suggest to the University to make an exception and increase the strength of these classes and the University agrees. But it cannot be anticipated because the hon. Member must be aware of this, namely, that even in the Madras City amongst a number of colleges which are there, the students have a particular preference for one or two colleges and all of them would like to get into those colleges. Government cannot and the University cannot anticipate and make an exception for that institution and permit an increase of strength so as to accommodate all these boys and girls who have preference for particular institutions.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Government consider the question of instructing the various colleges to consider the applications as and when they come with the certificate so that they may avoid the students applying for more than one college and they may select from only the eligible boys so that they may apply only to the particular college they want to join and not to all colleges?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The students have particular preferences for colleges. They would like to go into those colleges if they can and, therefore, they all apply, while they have applied to certain other colleges also. So, I cannot understand what the Government can do and what the colleges can do in the matter. It is not practicable for all boys or girls who have preferences for particular institutions to be accommodated in those institutions.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : In colleges, the students are registering their names for admission. May I ask, Sir, why the
3-10 p.m. colleges should not follow the principle of 'first-come-first-served'. so that they can avoid so much of trouble ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no question of first-come-first-served. The last date for the receipt of applications is notified and till that date the applications are to be received. We have to take into consideration the applications received till the last date.

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திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் அனுமதியோடு எல்லாக் கல்லூரி முதல்வர்களையும் இணைத்து ஒரு பொதுக் குழுவை அமைத்து, எல்லா மாணவர்களும் ஒரே இடத்தில் விண்ணப்பிக்கச் செய்து அவர்களுடைய விருப்பப்படி எந்த இடத்தில் இடம் அளிக்க முடியுமோ அந்த இடத்தில் இடம் அளிக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யலாம். அத்தகைய முறை ஆனர்ஸ், எம். எஸ்ஸி. படிப்பிற்கு இடம் அளிப்பதில் இருக்கிறது. அதுபோன்ற முறை இதற்கும் கொண்டுவரப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It may be so for Honours Courses. Now there are no Honours Courses. There are only Post-Graduate Courses. It may be there for Professional Courses. I do not think it is practicable for Arts Courses.

DR. H. V. HANDE : All that I ask is whether the measures that are taken towards the end of June could not be taken in the earlier part of June?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government must actually see what exactly is needed and what exception should be made. The exception cannot be taken as a rule.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : According to figures furnished by the Hon. Minister, the percentage of pass is less than 50. Will the Hon. Minister tell us how it compares with the figures of other States ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The standards vary from State to State. I should say this year, in spite of the turmoils, the results are very satisfactory, much better than in previous years.

House Rent Allowance for Gazetted Officers

* 203 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the category of Gazetted Officers who do not get House Rent Allowance in the city; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Officers of State Services, whose pay exceeds Rs. 500 per mensem and who are not also otherwise eligible for Madras House Allowance, being in a post in the city not interchangeable with any other in the mofussil.

(*b*) The scales of pay of the post exclusive to Madras City have been fixed, taking into account the rent structure in Madras City.

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